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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO BERLIN

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS WARMLY WELCOMED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL VISIT BERLIN IN APRIL. BERLINER MORGENPOST (SPRINGER) DECLARES THAT VISIT IS "PARTICULARLY LAUDABLE" IN THAT IT COMES AT TIME WHEN SOVIET UNION IS INTENSIFYING EFFORTS TO WEAKEN BERLIN'S TIES WITH FRG. REFERRING IN SIMILAR TERMS TO RECENT SOVIET POLEMICS AGAINST BERLIN, INDEPENDENT DER ABEND SEES VISIT AS EFFORT TO UNDERSCORE BY PERSONAL DEMONSTRATION ADMONITION DELIVERED TO MOSCOW ON SEVERAL PRIOR OCCASIONS THAT BERLIN IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF US POLICY OF ESTABLISHING EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN GREAT POWERS, AND THAT SOVIET OFFENSIVE HERE COULD HAVE WIDER REPERCUSSIONS. ECHOING SAME THEME, BERLIN-DATELINED EDITORIAL IN DIE WELT ATTRIBUTES HIGH IMPORTANCE TO SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT AS REMINDER TO SOVIETS THAT ERECTION OF WORLD-WIDE STRUCTURE OF DETENTE IS POSSIBLE ONLY IF QA STRICTLY OBSERVED AND FULLY IMPLEMENTED. "KISSINGER," WRITES DIE WELT, "IS NOT JUST ANY HIGH-RANKING BERLIN VISITOR. HE EMBODIES AND REPRESENTS ... THE GLOBAL CONCEPT OF A BALANCE-OF-POWER DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION: A CONCEPT THAT IS BASED ON THE INTERDEPENDENCE

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OF MUTUAL INTERESTS IN POTENTIAL AND ACTIVE AREAS OF

TENSION IN THE WORLD ... TO WHICH BERLIN BELONGS ..."
WELT EDITORIAL ALSO WELCOMES VISIT AS DEMONSTRATION OF
"ORIGINAL RIGHTS AND UNCHANGED COMMITMENTS" OF US IN
BERLIN.

2. SENAT PRESS SPOKESMAN STRUVE EXPRESSED ON BEHALF
OF CITY GOVERNMENT FEBRUARY 16 "GREAT PLEASURE" AT NEWS
OF SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT. GEORGE

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